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Religious and Charitable Endowments.

The operation of the Religious Endowments Act to certain temples or mutts.

* 378 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the operations of the Religious Endowments Act have been extended to Buddhist, Theosophists, Arya Samaj and Brahmo Samaj temples or mutts or places of religious worship?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—“May I therefore take it that members belonging to Buddhist, Theosophical, Arya Samaj and Brahmo Samaj temples do not embrace Hinduism?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAI:—“It is a very difficult question to answer; but in a sense some of them form subdivisions of the Hindu religion.”

Srimad SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo:—“Is that the legal opinion given?”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—“Theosophists are not a subset of the Hindus?”

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI:—“A subset of the Hindus?”

Public Service.

Committee to enquire into the grievances of unpassed men in service.

* 379 Q.—Khan Bahadur HAJI ABDULLA HAJI QASIM SAHIB: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have taken action in the matter of appointment of a committee to enquire into the grievances of unpassed men already in permanent service and affected by G.O. No. 164, Law (Education), dated 4th February 1925, with reference to the resolution moved by Mr. J. A. Saldanha, M.L.C., and carried out by this Council in the meeting held on 1st April 1925; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to place the papers on the table of this Council relating to the constitution of the said committee?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 225.

Memorials from non-gazetted subordinates.

* 380 Q.—Khan Bahadur HAJI ABDULLA HAJI QASIM SAHIB: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any memorials from the non-gazetted subordinates of all departments other than Posts and Telegraphs from Salem, Malabar and South Kanara districts;

(b) if so, whether they will be pleased to state what orders have been passed thereon; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the posts of peons have been brought under time-scale of pay?

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- A.—(a) Yes.
 (b) A copy^a of the order passed on the memorial is placed on the table.
 (c) Yes.

Depressed Classes.

Adi-Dravida hostel for girls.

* 381 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to start an Adi-Dravida hostel purely for Adi-Dravidas and other depressed classes girls on the lines of the existing Government Adi-Dravida hostel at Madras for boys and young men?

A.—The answer is in the negative.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I know, Sir, whether Government will be pleased to consider the proposal at least now?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Yes."

Alleged prohibition of certain depressed classes from passing through certain villages.

* 382 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state what steps the Government have taken on my representation to them on 30th May 1925 regarding the prohibiting of the depressed classes from passing through several of the villages with clean clothes around their waists, sandals on their feet and umbrellas in their hands in the South Arcot district?

A.—The Government have enquired into the matter. The Commissioner of Labour and his subordinates have not been informed of any instance of such prohibition or of its enforcement in the manner described by the hon. Member in his letter.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I know the result of the inquiry made by the Government apart from the inquiry made by the Commissioner of Labour?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"As stated in the answer, the Commissioner of Labour made inquiries and reported to the Government that he is not able to confirm the statement made in the question."

Emigration.

Emigration to and settlement in Laccadive Islands.

* 383 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

- (a) the rules, if any, in force regarding the emigration to and permanent settlement of mainlanders in the Laccadive Islands;
 (b) the law under which the islanders refusing to co-operate in the rat-hunts organized from time to time in the islands are liable to be fined or otherwise punished;

^a Printed as Appendix III on pages 730-731 infra.